

Parente Reveals CIA Employment; Confidential Records In Danger?

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Political science professor William Parente, named late last quarter to be associate dean of faculty next year, is a one-time employee of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This word spread rapidly on campus this week after a large red, white and blue poster at the Union door carried a story Parente had written for the Yellow Springs News announcing his appointment and revealing the CIA link. "An 'ex-' CIA Agent now has access to your confidential records" the anonymous poster-maker said. The poster also announced a meeting Monday in North Hall Common Room to discuss the matter, but only three people showed up for it—one of them a RECORD reporter.

Dean of faculty Howard Greenlee said he "doubted" Parente

would have any more access to confidential student records as associate dean than he has as a professor. Greenlee said he had received letters expressing concern about Parente's relationship with the CIA from Wilberforce teaching associate David Schiller and others. Schiller didn't want to talk about his letter, calling any disclosure of its contents "premature."

Greenlee said he thought Parente would make a good associate dean and commented, "I think judgment by association is not a very good way to operate."

The story Parente wrote for the March 19 News, which the paper says he asked to have printed precisely as he had written it, said: "He brings to the new post a varying background which includes the Central Intelligence Agency, language study at Moscow University, and a year at Wilberforce University as a teaching associate for the Woodrow Wilson Foundation."

In the file he submitted to the college News Bureau, Parente listed his job title with the CIA as "analyst" and his year of employment as 1961.

A CIA spokesman reached by telephone told the RECORD this week that the CIA regularly hires short-term employees to do anything from office work to truck-driving. He refused to comment on exactly what an "analyst" does.

Asked if the CIA discourages or prohibits present or former employees from discussing details of their affiliation, the



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PARENTE — The Commies didn't care.

there was no hard-and-fast rule, but added: "We are a silent service of government and we prefer to keep it that way."

Parente told the RECORD yesterday that his job lasted only five months and was nothing more cloak-and-dagger than clipping the Times of India and typing the names of Soviet scientists on file cards. His salary was \$4800 a year, he said.

Parente said he hadn't been affiliated with the agency since 1961 and had not worked for them during his later study at Moscow University or his three visits to Eastern Europe, which included travels in "virtually all the Communist countries."

He said the fact that those Communist countries granted him visas "shows that they are less concerned about this than the Antioch radicals."

Parente's file notes that his wife, Diane, was research assistant for Eleanor Lansing Dulles in 1963-64. Miss Dulles is sister of former CIA boss Alan Dulles and late secretary of state John Foster Dulles.

Parente is author of a well-received Antioch Notes on involving students in academic governance; one faculty member affiliated with the Radical Studies Institute castigated the essay as "Machiavellian." Last year he wrote with political science professor Mickey McCleery an essay for the Journal of Higher Education entitled "Campus Radicalism and a Relevant Political Science — Channel Undergraduate Interests Constructively."

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